

First Church

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

8:00 am—Traditional
604 Market St.
9:30 am—Blended
604 Market St.
11:00 am—Contemporary
601 Market St.
11:00 am—Contemporary
1157 Market St.
(live streamed message)
4:30 pm—Celebrate Recovery
604 Market St.

WEDNESDAY WORSHIP

5:00 pm—601 Market St.
Night meal, fellowship,
music, brief message

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Welcome to



First Church

United Methodist

Week of July 24, 2016

Transformation in Christ | Changing lives inside and out (Romans 12:1-2)

NEW TO FIRST CHURCH? - Steps to find your way:

Step 1) **MEET FIRST CHURCH SUNDAY, JULY 24th** right after worship

Join one of our pastors for a few minutes getting to know First Church and learning about the ministries most relevant for you. Children are welcome!

After 8:00 a.m. service, First Evangelical Center—Room 206

After 9:30 a.m. service, First Evangelical Center—Room 206

After 11:00 a.m. service, Christian Life Center—back of Stryker Hall

After 11:00 a.m. service, North Campus—in the lounge

Step 2) **A DISCIPLE'S PATH** 6 week group

This group will guide you onto a path of growing discipleship and connection at First Church. It is also the membership group if you would like to join at any time. Led by Pastor D.G. Giordano 6:00-7:00 p.m. Wednesdays beginning September 7th in the First Evangelical Center, Room 206. Children's Ministry takes place at the same time as part of First Night so your children can also grow in their discipleship.

COMMUNITY WORSHIP

Join us Sunday, September 18th at 11:00 am at the Community Arts Center 220 W. Fourth St. for our annual Community Worship service.

All of First Church will worship together at the Community Arts Center on this day. No services will be held in the FEC, CLC, NC, or Celebrate Recovery on September 18th.

INVITE

STEPHEN MINISTRY

Christian caregiving is a process. Just as a farmer must till, fertilize, plant, and cultivate but then depend on the right amounts of sun and rain to produce crops, Christian caregivers offer love and encouragement to others but then depend on God for results. We are CAREgivers...GOD is the CUREgiver! When you as caregiver realize that God is the Curegiver, you are free to trust God to provide the results.

(Christian Caregiving: A Way of Life
by Kenneth C. Haugk)



JULY 2016

Families are invited to worship together.

There will be no Sunday School or Kidzone

Children in worship will receive a special bulletin each week.

Nursery is available for children under 3

TEACH

SECOND MILE GIVING

The Second Mile Giving for July & August is **Bishop's Partners in Mission**. The goal is to raise \$1 million for the United Methodist Church's *Imagine No Malaria* campaign. And to raise \$1 million to eliminate the remaining mortgage at Mission Central in Mechanicsburg. During July & August we will collect monetary donations for these efforts. Please make checks payable to "First Church" with "Bishop's Partners in Mission" in the memo line.

MISSION ITEMS NEEDED

Local Food Pantry— hamburger helper, canned vegetables, salad dressing.

Shepherd of the Streets— shampoo, conditioner, towels & washcloths. Donations for these missions may be left in the baskets at the following locations: Christian Life Center - the Market Street entrance; First Evangelical Center - the Ross Street entrance; North Campus - Lounge.

**TO VOLUNTEER TO SERVE
DURING TRANSFORM (AUGUST 1-5)
SIGN-UP ONLINE NOW AT
<http://www.firstchurch.cc/transform/>**

SEND

NORTH CAMPUS NEWS

UNDERWEAR AND SOCKS

In building relationships and caring for kids, North Campus worshipers are collecting new underwear and socks for Cochran School to have on hand when needed. For boys and girls, variety of sizes, elementary age kids. Place them in the receptacle at the North Campus lobby.

Sermon Outline

Bring on the Games: Higher, Faster, Stronger Stewardship
Philippians 3:12-14 and Hebrews 12:1-3 and Luke 8:1-3

- I. What is the element that all great champions have that carries them to victory? A _____ lived out in loving conviction.
- II. What sets champions apart is an inner fire of belief... love... conviction... to be the best. To achieve the _____. To be victorious.
- III. We face a variety of possibilities when it comes to _____.
 - A. Option 1: Give _____
 - B. Option 2: Give out of a sense of _____
 - C. Option 3: Give out of a sense of _____
 - D. Option 4: Give with the heart of a _____
- IV. We give best when we realize giving is an invitation to _____ with God in what God is up to in the world.
- V. To share in the _____ is the joyful prize to which we give.

Life Reflection:

When it comes to an opportunity to give, do I: Not give at all? Give out of a sense of guilt? Give out of a sense of obedience? Give with a champion's heart? How can I learn to give with the joy and belief of a champion's heart? Specifically today am I willing as part of my life mission to make a commitment to tithe and beyond in order to help us win the prize at First Church?

Scripture Reflection:

Philippians 3:14: I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

Luke 8:2b-3: ^{2b} Mary (called Magdalene) from whom seven demons had come out; ³ Joanna the wife of Chuza, the manager of Herod's household; Susanna; and many others. These women were helping to support them out of their own means.

Pastor's Page FOR DUTY OR FOR BEAUTY?

First Church,

This weekend is an important weekend for us in the life of First Church. Over the last number of weeks we have taken a hard and honest look at the disciplines and training around the spiritual issue of stewardship. In this regard let me first of all thank you. I know that it is never easy to face the challenge of stewardship and we have spent some significant time on this heart issue.

Now we come this weekend to offer ourselves in preparation for the year ahead (2017) through the offering of our commitments. It's a pretty big deal! And one in which I pray our hearts have been stirred over the last number of weeks.

As you get ready to make this commitment, I want to offer one final thought around the issue of our giving. I know that I have already given you a lot to "ponder" over this last month. But in an effort to simplify things a bit, I want to ask us to consider this question: "Are we giving out of duty--or out of beauty?"

I heard this question recently from one of my favorite speakers and pastors (Tim Keller). I found the question to be a powerful one. The point he was making is that we can give out of a sense of duty--that is because we feel like we "have to." Or out of a sense of beauty where we are so moved and inspired by what God is up to that we desire to join God in making God's creation a more beautiful place through our giving.

Keller points out that while giving out of obedience is a good thing, it often leads to a sense of drudgery, guilt, and irritation because we feel that we are being forced to do something whether we want to or not. But when we give out of a sense of beauty we do so willingly, joyfully, and passionately because our giving matches what our hearts long to share in.

First Church, this weekend - more than because "we should" - I hope that we give because our hearts are moved by the beauty that God has invited us into in the sharing of God's kingdom. This weekend - more than "out of obligation and duty" - I hope we give because of the beauty found in the love of Jesus Christ and the desire to spread that love as God's church.

May it be so. For the beauty...

In Christ,
Pastor Matt

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Families Worship Together (No Sunday school or KIDZONE)

Sunday, July 24

MEET FIRST CHURCH

After 8:00 a.m. Service—First Evangelical Center (Room 206)

After 9:30 a.m. Service—First Evangelical Center (Room 206)

After 11:00 a.m. Service—Christian Life Center (Loft)

After 11:00 a.m. Service—North Campus (Lobby)

8:00 a.m.-Worship (MC, FEC-Sanctuary)

9:30 a.m.-Worship (MC, FEC-Sanctuary)

9:30 a.m.-Sermon Talk (MC, FEC-201)

11:00 a.m.-Contemporary Worship (MC, CLC-Stryker Hall)

11:00 a.m.-Contemporary Worship (NC)

4:00 p.m.-Open Gym (MC, CLC-Stryker Hall)

4:30 p.m.-Celebrate Recovery (MC, FEC-Sanctuary)

6:00 p.m.-fuse* student ministries (MC, FEC-fusebox*;
MC, CLC-Stryker Hall)

Monday, July 25

9:30 a.m.-FNS Teacher's Meeting (MC, CLC-132/133)

1:15 p.m.-Joyful Hearts (NC-Fellowship Room)

2:00 p.m.-fuse* open gym (MC, CLC-Stryker Hall)

5:00 p.m.-Men of Integrity (1508 Elmira St.)

6:45 p.m.-Women's Step Study (MC, FEC-202)

7:00 p.m.-Women of Faith (1508 Elmira St.)

Tuesday, July 26

2:15 p.m.-Worship Design Team (MC, FEC-Fellowship Hall/102)

7:00 p.m.-Volleyball/Bible Study (MC, CLC-Stryker Hall)

Wednesday, July 27

fuse* student ministry @ IMPACT

6:00 a.m.-Men's Small Group (Konieczny) (MC, FEC-102)

12:30 p.m.-Truth Project (MC, FEC-202)

2:00 p.m.-fuse* open gym (MC, CLC-Stryker Hall)

FIRST NIGHT SCHEDULE

5:00 p.m.

Dinner (MC, CLC-Stryker Hall)

Fresh Express (MC, FEC-Fellowship Hall)

5:15 p.m.-Wed. Night Worship Experience
(MC, CLC-Stryker Hall)

6:00 p.m.

CR Step Study (Men) (NC-212/213)

Sister's In Christ (MC, FEC-201)

Thursday, July 28

fuse* student ministry @ IMPACT

6:00 a.m.-Men's Bible Study (Marzo) (NC-Fellowship Room)

6:30 p.m.-Stephen Ministry Meeting (MC, FEC-201/202)

7:00 p.m.-CLC Praise Band (MC, CLC-Stryker Hall/Stage)

7:00 p.m.-NC Praise Band (NC-Sanctuary)

Friday, July 29

fuse* student ministry @ IMPACT

6:00 a.m.-Prayer Time (NC-Sanctuary)

2:00 p.m.-fuse* open gym (MC, CLC-Stryker Hall)

Saturday, July 30

fuse* student ministry @ IMPACT

7:00 a.m.-Men's Group (Wegman's)

9:00 a.m.-First Tech (NC-Sanctuary/Wesley Hall)

NC = NORTH CAMPUS (1157 Market St.)

MAIN CAMPUS

CLC = Christian Life Center (601 Market St.)

FEC = First Evangelical Center (604 Market St.)

CYCLE OF PRAYER: July 24 — July 30

Edwin, Maria & Aizaer Portalatin; JoJo & Sue Potts; Tim, Amy, Molly & Tyler Pregent; Jim, Sarah & Isaac Prusakiewicz; Bill & Rita Pysher; Darren Pysher; Adam & Amanda Quinton; Matt, Anna, Megan, Libby & Nina Radspinner; Josh, Shauna, Jackson & Gracelyn Raker; Rob & Laurie Raker; Dorothy & Alyssa Ranich; Kyle, Laura, Lyla & Maxwell Rankin; Ryan, Zavier & Rymir Ransom; Vicki Ransom; Jessica Ravert; Mark, Jill, Mike & Rebekah Reamsnyder; Michael, Christina, Gavin & Calissa Reed; Steve & Monerae Reigle; Shirley Remsnyder; Gene Ricci & Andrea Tyson; Danny Richards; Mo & Cathy Richards; Todd, Carolyn, Ryan, Joshua & Kaitlyn Ritter; Zach, Katie, Caroline & Jonathan Ritter; Linda Roan; Ed, Jill, Benjamin & Caleb Robbins; Chanel & Cameron Robinson; Mike, Jen, Connor, Ethan & Mae Rodgers; Stacey Roman; Deanna Roth; Alice & Adin Rothgeb.

Weekly Worship Attendance
for week ending July 17, 2016:
TOTAL — 841